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Majority prices were unchanged to higher when compared to previous week's values. Trade sentiment was at least steady. Demand following the extended holiday weekend covered the full range with best interest for fast food and where refilling occurred. Supplies were usually sufficient to handle trade needs. In the parts structure, trading was mixed, at times quiet where needs were being evaluated. Availability of all items was irregular, ranging sufficient to tight, but overall obtainable. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

Final report of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 05/26/03-05/30/03 (cents per lb)

AREAS	US GRADE A (Includes branded product)			COMPOSITE	
	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	LOADS	WTD AVG	LOADS
Delivered to First Receivers					
Bos/New Eng	58.00-60.00	59.33	15	60.47	39
Chicago	52.00-55.00	55.13	40	57.21	78
Ohio Cities	TFEWR	—	—	60.06	21
Denver	69.50	69.46	17	65.95	27
Detroit	54.00-55.00	55.64	11	58.92	40
Los Angeles	70.00	68.37	60	66.07	161
New York	56.00-59.00	57.04	23	58.23	45
Philadelphia	55.50-58.00	56.36	11	57.67	23
Pittsburgh	56.00-59.00	57.10	10	60.76	58
St. Louis	54.50-54.75	54.24	27	55.31	44
San Francisco	70.50	69.32	30	70.94	59

Composite Weighted Average

Loads	05/26/03	Change/Last Wk	05/19/03	05/27/02
595	61.33	1.33	60.00	58.47

WOG BROILERS (without giblets) - prices paid per lb delvd to first receivers in trucklot and less than trucklot quantities.

REGIONS	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	LOADS
East	59.00-61.00	60.07	32
Central	56.00-62.50	60.03	63
West	61.00-67.00	65.01	53

Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent

Mississippi	64.00-66.50	64.83	80
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GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 65.00 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

LOADS	RANGE	MONDAY FINAL WTD AVG FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT
1,214	52.00-67.50	63.70

The Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed final weighted average prices on ice packed parts:

ITEM	WTD AVG (CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000 POUNDS)
LINE RUN TENDERS	195.00	1,343
BREASTS - B/S	178.50	4,857
BREASTS - WHOLE	97.50	1,503
THIGH MEAT - B/S	70.00	931
LEG QUARTERS	24.00	8,803
WINGS	72.00	3,321

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NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYER Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole/fryers was mostly fair entering the week as dealers cautiously assessed the market. Offerings ranged balanced to adequate for current needs. Retail and distributive movement was about fair. The market tone was at least steady. In the parts complex, all cuts ranged balanced to adequate for the cautious and selective buyer interest.

SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trade sentiment was at least steady. Demand following the extended holiday weekend showed good movement with pipelines being refilled and markets monitored for further developments. Supplies were in balance to well cleared for trade needs. In the parts structure, trading was fair to fairly good, best for breast items, which were in good supply to short with interest still noted. Dark meat and wings were available. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Final majority prices were unchanged from last week's levels. Trading reported on whole body product for this week's deliveries were at generally unchanged prices on regular commitments and generally higher prices on new negotiations. The market tone was fully steady. Offerings were adequate. Buying activity had increased as anticipated for post-holiday needs. Retail demand was fairly good overall. Dealers reported good week-end clearances. Trading reported on parts: leg quarters bulk and 4/10s 25-27.5, boneless leg meat mid 60s, drumstick low 30s, wings mid 70s, breast bone-in 102-107 and boneless 167-172. The Los Angeles negotiated WOG weighted average was up 5.11 to 62.86 with the volume reported at 36 loads up 13 percent.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER Majority prices into Ohio cities too few to report, all other areas noting increases of 3 to 4 cents from last Monday's final majorities. Whole fryer market tone was mostly steady. Offerings were adequate for the light to moderate trade interest. Movement into all channels was mostly fair to very good following the long weekend. Floor stocks adequate. Weights were desirable. Parts interest was noticeably quiet following the holiday as buyers access needs. Parts supplies for the most part in balance, instances tight. The market tone was steady to fully steady with a firm undertone on jumbo wings and breast items, steady on all other parts.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was spotty and generally no better than fair. Seller offerings were fully sufficient for immediate needs. Live supplies were moderate; weights were mostly desirable. Processor schedules were moderate to moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 57 to 67 cents. Trade sentiment was steady. In the parts complex, supplies were adequate to short. Boneless skinless breasts continued to clear well while bone-in breast were generally noted as fully adequate. Wings were irregularly balanced. ACTUAL SLAUGHTER WEEK END-ING 05/23/2003 WAS 12,307,446 @ 5.19 LBS.

*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA.

BRANDED U.S. GRADE A

RANGE	53-68
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	59.04
NO. OF BOXES	11,536

*8 of 8 plants reporting.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS Trucklot buying activity was mostly fair following the holiday lengthened weekend as dealers cautiously assessed the market. Offerings of breast items were noted as balanced. The remainder of cuts were in an adequate to balanced position. Retail and distributive movement was about fair. The market tone was steady to fully steady.

ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND

ITEM	NEGOTIATED	CURRENT TRADING	WTD AVG	VOLUME /LBS
BREAST - B/S		175	169.79	435,977
TENDERLOINS		155-160	160.07	105,660
BREAST - WITH RIBS		95-96	101.81	130,840
BREAST - LINE RUN		95	98.47	98,760
LEGS		34-35	34.38	262,280
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)		26-27	25.40	414,664
DRUMSTICKS		28-29	33.03	136,354
THIGHS		27-28	35.97	64,513
B/S THIGHS		67-68	71.48	97,480
WINGS (WHOLE)		66-67	75.77	158,590
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)		10-12	12.26	25,000
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)		25-30	23.22	13,120
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)		35-40	40.72	21,480

INCLUDES NEW YORK CITY METROPOLITAN AREA, NORTHERN NEW JERSEY, MASSACHUSETTS, CONNECTICUT, RHODE ISLAND, AND PENNSYLVANIA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

* TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

** WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M. 27-MAY-2003.

ARKANSAS BROILER/FRYER PARTS F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	LBS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY WT.	AVG
BREAST - B/S	1,382	148.00-169.00	160-163	160.57
TENDERLOINS	164	133.00-198.00	-	145.44
BREAST - WITH RIBS	272	96.00-104.00	96-103	99.88
FRONT HALVES	618	65.00-79.00	68-71	68.78
LEGS		NO TRADING REPORTED		
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	797	19.50-21.00	20.5-21	20.92
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	2,996	21.00-24.00	23-23.5	23.19
WINGS (WHOLE)	680	70.00-78.00	70-72	70.20
DRUMSTICKS		NO TRADING REPORTED		
THIGHS	1,211	18.00-23.00	-	21.64

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATE	ACTUAL	AVG WTS	ACTUAL	AVG WTS
	05/27	05/23	05/23	05/20	05/16
ALA	4,065	4,088	4.95	3,824	5.03
ARK	5,298	5,185	4.82	5,201	4.87
DELMARVA	2,369	2,801	5.20	2,372	5.27
KY-LA-TN	1,945	2,550	4.73	1,948	4.83
MISS	3,007	2,517	5.23	2,926	5.17
NC	2,637	2,710	6.27	2,726	6.10
TEXAS	2,459	2,481	4.87	2,476	4.97
TOTAL	21,780	22,332	5.11	21,473	5.15

MON-TUE 30,803 (A) 42,924 (A)

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 27-May 2003 is estimated to be 32,585,000 up 1.13 percent from a week ago and up 3.63 percent from a year ago.

Last week 32,222,000 last year 31,444,000)

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	842	160.00-255.00	164-168	172.71
TENDERLOINS	237	158.00-211.00	158-162	165.19
BREAST - LINE RUN		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEGS	88	29.00-40.00	29-30	30.00
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	610	21.00-23.50	21-22	21.97
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,050	23.00-26.00	24-25	24.89
WINGS (WHOLE)	280	69.00-73.00	-	72.50
WINGS (CUT)	406	83.00-91.00	83-85	84.84
DRUMSTICKS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
B/S THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR MAY 27, 2003 — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE
51.75 - 54.75	53.05

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER ICE-PACKED POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES DELIVERED TO: IL, IN, IA, KS, MI, MN MO, NE, ND, OH, SD, AND WI WEEK OF 26-MAY-2003 TO 30-MAY-2003 CENTS PER POUND

	Price Per Lb.	Mostly
BREAST - B/S	162.00 - 179.00	162.00 - 172.00
BREAST - LINE RUN	95.00 - 108.00	96.00 - 105.00
LEGS	24.00 - 42.00	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	21.00 - 28.00	23.00 - 25.00
DRUMSTICKS	25.00 - 42.00	-
THIGHS	25.00 - 41.50	-
WINGS (WHOLE)	61.00 - 78.00	70.00 - 72.00
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10.00 - 17.00	-
LIVERS	25.00 - 40.00	-
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	35.00 - 45.00	-

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY, DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
WOGS 2# & UP - WHOLE	82
WOGS 2# & UP - CUT UP 8&9 PIECES	85-89
FROZEN HENS 5# & UP	
FROZEN DUCKS	
FROZEN SQUABS	589

DELIVERED TO RETAILERS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA)

FRESH FRYERS	88-94
ROASTERS 4# & UP	80-95
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	63
DUCKS	
RABBITS-WHOLE	
RABBITS-CUT UP	

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK	97-99
	DRY PACK	104-105
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK	104-105
	DRY PACK	113
HENS OVER 5#	DRY PACK	
	ICE PACK	91-98
DUCKS		155-166

EASTERN REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE EASTERN REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

23-MAY-2003

CHICKEN — PRICES — VOLUME —
(Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

CHICKEN WITH SKIN ADDED — PRICES — VOLUME —
(Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	15.75-18.50	15.75	720,000	520,000
WTD AVERAGE	17.11	15.75		
15-20%				
RANGE	14.50-17.00	11.00-16.50	1,838,000	468,000
WTD AVERAGE	16.10	13.18		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	11.00	82,000	-
WTD AVERAGE		11.00		

* INCLUDES THE STATES of CT, DE, FL, GA, MA, MD, ME, NC, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, SC, VA, VT, WV

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Majority prices were unchanged to slightly lower when compared to a week earlier. Demand was fair at best for the at least adequate to fully adequate offerings. Movement of finished product was fair to moderate. Processing schedules were reduced due to the holiday. The undertone was steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER

THE WEEK OF 26-MAY-03.	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	5-9.5	7-8.5	7.91
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT		

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

CENTRAL REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE CENTRAL REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

23-MAY-2003

CHICKEN — PRICES — VOLUME —
(Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

CHICKEN, WITH SKIN ADDED — PRICES — VOLUME —
(Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	14.00	16.00-17.00	162,400	-
WTD AVERAGE	14.00	16.67		
15-20%				
RANGE	13.50-15.00	10.75-17.00	1,400,400	488,000
WTD AVERAGE	14.50	12.79		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	11.00	20,400	-
WTD AVERAGE		11.00		

* INCLUDES THE STATES of AL, AR, IA, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MI, MN, MO, MS, ND, NE, OK, OH, SD, TN, TX, WI

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Negotiations were unchanged to slightly lower compared to the past week. Demand was moderate for for adequate offerings of spent heavy hens. Schedules were sufficient for a moderate call for finished product. Trade sentiment was generally steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *
FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 26-MAY-03

	RANGE CENTS/LB.	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	5.25-11.25	7.75-8.25	8.08

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

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